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PRESS RELEASE

The Delaware Department of Correction is unable to verify its head count at Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in Wilmington, and therefore has activated its escape procedures as a precaution. An escape has not yet been determined, but precautions, including a lock-down of the facility, an intensive search of all internal areas of the facility and grounds, and activation of the Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT), are being taken regarding the situation.

The unaccounted offender is Joseph Sanders (pictured at right), whose last known address was in Wilmington. Sanders, 42, is a 5'07" black male with black hair and brown eyes. He has tattoos on both arms and his left shoulder and a scar on his face.

Sanders, a detentioner at Young Correctional Institution awaiting court action on multiple charges, was brought into the facility on Wednesday, October 24. Among the charges are, a *capias*, possession of marijuana, resisting arrest, reckless driving, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft under \$100 (two charges), failure to report an accident and receiving stolen property under \$1,000 (3 charges). Total bail was set at \$41,577.

